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NORTH KOREAN PRESS SUMMARY

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Editor : KIM Myong-ho

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1. AIDING THE FRONT IS AN HONORABLE FRONT .

Since the severe war against the American military invaders began, our workers have struggled in the difficult business of increasing farm and industrial production in order to meet the demands of the front. Help to the front is necessary so that we may defeat the American aggressors.

2. CABINET DECISION NO. 62 . . .

NK Cabinet Decision No. 62, adopted on 14 April 1953, honours farmers in ris and counties who have made great achievements in the great harvest contest:

- (a) "The Act Honoring Ris and Counties with Great Results in the Great Harvest Contest" is approved and Cabinet Decision No. 253, "Decision Awarding the Victory Flag in the Great Harvest Contest" (13 May 1951) is abolished.
- (b) The Ministries of Finance, and Commerce and the National Planning Committee should ensure the expenses and supplies needed for the work of awarding championship flags of each class. The people's economy and finance project should provide a budget for it so that the work of honoring may proceed.
- 3. CABINET DECISION NO. 63 . . .

The NK Cabinet has accepted a proposal offering championship flags to model farm ris from the NK People's Army as follows:

(a) Championship flags sent from the People's Army are to be offered to the model farm ris selected in Cabinet Decision No. 62 dated 14 April 1953.

(b) Awarding of championship flags is to be carried out by the commissioner of each province, and the people's committees of the cities of Pyong-yang and Kaesong under a supervision of a representative of the NK People's Army, by Premier KIM Il-sung

4. COMMUNIQUE FROM SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, NK PEOPLE'S ARMY

April 21 : 5 enemy planes were shot down.

April 22: American aircraft attacked homes around Hambung killing innumerable persons. Many houses were burned or destroyed. 4 enemy planes were shot down.

5. SICK AND WOUNDED PW SARE WELCOMED . .

People in the Kaesong area held a welcome meeting for sick and wounded PW's who returned home to the 3rd Hospital at Easong on 21 April.

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6. REPATRIATION OF PW'S IS BEGUN . . .

According to the reports by the Chinese and NE representatives at the truce talks, both sides began to repatriate sick and wounded PW's to their respective countries on 20 April.

- 7. REPATRIATION OF PW'S PROCEEDS ON 21 APRIL .
- 8. ME PEOPLE'S ARMY PW'S SHOW DEEP EMOTION AND RESOLUTION . . .

Along the highway from Kaesong to Penmunjon, innumerable school boys and girls are welcoming Chinese and NK PW's who are now returning home. Both the PW's and the people who meet them are filled with tears of emotion. The PW's are making resolutions to devote themselves to their country.

9. PROVISIONS OF CABINET INCISION NO. 62 . . .

(7 Articles of the Cabinet Decision cited in Item No. 1 are quoted -- Ed.)

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- 10. SPRING PLOWING AND PLANTING SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON TIME . . . (Statistics show the status of planting in the Kaesong area as of 20 April 1953. -- Ed.)
- 11. RETURNED CHINESE PW'S ARE FILLED WITH HOPE . . .

As soon as they returned here, Chinese sick and wounded PW'S were brought to a hospital and treated with every kind of entertainment. Rooms were decorated with fragrant flowers; necessities and good food were provided. And each returned PW was presented with comfort packages. Entertainment was provided by a group of players and musicians from Munkongdan.

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- 12. ENEMY PERSECUTES OUR PW'S ON THEIR WAY TO REPATRIATION...

 Many of our PW's said that they were given bad food and were terribly beaten on their way home.
- 13. REPATRIATION OF PW'S BEGINS . . .

 When the U.N. PW's arrived at our hospital here they were treated so well that when they left for their homes they were filled with regret and gratitude.

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- 14. SOVIETS, CHINESE, AND MONGOLIANS HAVE PRODUCTION CONTEST TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY
- The Political Committee of the U.N. General Assembly opened its meeting on the morning of 16 April and discussed Polish proposals for the prevention of a new war and measures for strengthening friendly cooperation among all nations.
- 36. Japanese residents in China Depart for Homeland
- Enemy PW's leaving for their homes waved their hands to us. This was their expression of gratitude to us for treating them so humanly. On the other hand, our PW's were all seriously ill and wounded, many with no arms or legs. A Reuter's dispatch from Pusan on 15 April reported that American authorities had frightened many hundreds of our PW's with guns and tear-gas on their way to the exchange point.

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Newsparer : Minchu Choson (Demouratic Korea)

Date Friday, 8 May 1953, Vol. 122, No. 2337.

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Place "yongvang

Frequency : daily

CHONG Kuk-nok Editor

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1. LIST OF IMPORTANT ARTICLES IN TODAY'S ISSUE. . .

2. FOMEN MIST TILL THE SOIL, PRODUCE FOOD, TOO. .

Our great mistake in thinking that only men are capable of cultivating farm land was recognized last year when women in the farm villages produced a great harvest. The more food the women produce, the more our rearareas will be strengthened.

3. POLITICAL ORDERS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SUPPLIME PEOPLIAS ASCEMBLY... The Standing Committee of the Supreme Papels's Assembly is to award the title of Merc of the Korean Democratic People's Republic the National Flag Medal, and the Gold Star Medal to KIM Tae-won, a member of the National Police who has distinguished himself by heroic deeds demonstrating his pathiotic svirit. ... etc.

> by KIM Tu-pong, Chairman, Standing Committee, Supreme People's Assembly and KANG Yang-uk, chisf clerk of the same committee

4. COMMUNIQUE FROM SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, NK PEOPLE'S ARMY. . . Except for small-arms fire, there was no activity at the front. One of our coastal defense guns bombarded an approaching enemy ship and sank an enemy torpedo-destroyer. Two enemy planes were shot down by our anti-aircraft units.

5. ANNIVERDARY OF SOVIET PUBLICATION DAY CELEGRATED. . .

Under the sponsorship of the Soviet Cultural Association and the Soviet Frees Service, Soviet Publications Day was celebrated in Pyongyang on 5 May 1 53. Among those attending were CHOE Chol-hwan of the Central Committee of the MK Labor Party; KI Sok-pok, chief of cultural propaganda, and YI Ki yong, theirman of the Central Committee of the Korean-Soviet Cultural Association, who gave a speech which was followed with a speech by the Chief Editor of the Soviet Press Service.

6. PRODUCT ON INCREASES DAILY IN NORTH HAMYONG PROVINCE. . . Workers in every factory in North Hamyong Province are successfully CONFIDENTIAL

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increasing production by their devoted efforts in the fastories.

7. FARMERS IN A VILLAGE IN ANAK COUNTY HAVE STARTED TRANSPLANTING BICE SEEDLINGS. . . Farmers in the (unnamed) village are devoting great efforts to increasing production this year, following the example of YU Man-ok who had a great harvest last year by her own efforts.

8. KOREAN TRUCE TALKS. . .

General NAM-II protested that the U.N. is avoiding a reply to the NK protest against the U.N.'s opposition to the NK proposal of 6 May to turn PW's over to neutral countries. On 2 May, General NAM II presented a new proposal containing eight important articles.

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9. SPRING SEEDING WORK WILL HAVE VICTORIOUS RESULTS. . .

The farmers in a village (unnamed) is Sonchon County completed their seeding work on 19 April 1953. The Ri People's Committee is planning a better method of guidance which is alive and active rather than dead in order that farmers can increase their harvest.

10. PEASANTS BANKS CONTINUE AN ACTIVE LOANING BUSINESS. .

Branches of the Peasants Bank in South Hamyong Provice are leaning ample funds to farmers to enable them to buy seeds, farm implements, livestock, orchard trees, etc. Capital funds for the fisheries were distributed impartially to fishermen.

11. HEROISM IN THE FRONT-LINE IS TOLD. . .

PAK Pyong-cho and his charging troops killed 30 enemy soldiers in one day by their meritorieus bravery.

CHOE Won-sum and his charging platoon fought off a strong enemy attack and killed more than 30 enemy troops.

12. THE STONE BUDDHA AND THE GENTLEMAN. . .

In a village (unnamed) in Munchon County, the Chairman of the Ri
People's Committee is like a stone Buddha and the local chief of propaganda is
like a gentleman. These two people are idle and indifferent to their official
duties to control the farmers and plan for farm improvements. These two
people are continually quarreling. For example, orders come down to the
propaganda chief through the People's Committee chairman. However, the propaganda chief will not communicate to his superiors through the People's
Committee chairman but bypasses him. The propaganda chief's nickname of
"gentleman" comes from his habit of paying so much attention to his clothes
which are far superior to his present station.

The People's Committee chairman is equally blind to what is going on around him. He just sits on his chair and looks dignified, hence the nick-name, "stone Buddha." His only enthusiasm comes from detecting errors by the chief of propaganda in order that he can recommend to his superiors that the propaganda chief be dismissed. Let us keep our eyes on these two people and see how their conflict develops.

by OH Song-hak

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13; JOSEPH STALIN AND SOVIET SCIENCE. . .

Stalin never looked upon science as isolated from the people, etc.

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14. ON THE OCCASION OF SOVIET PUBLICATIONS DAY.

The business of Soviet newspaper publication started from the peacelowing nature of Soviet foreign policy. The power of Soviet publications lies in their inevitable relation to the people. There are 92 youth newspapers, 20 juvenile newspapers, 11 youth magazines and 23 juvenile magazines in the Soviet Union. Their total circulation is 9 million, which is 23 times greater than the 1949 circulation.

15. SOVIET PEOPLE CELEBRATE SOVIET PUBLICATIONS DAY.

People in Moscow celebrated this day under the precise direction of

the chief editor of Pravda.

16. CREATIVITY OF WRITERS AND PLAYWRITES...

Themes in current NK literature concern the courageous conflict of our soldiers in the war, the struggle of the people in the rear-areas, and the generosity of allied nations to us. Plays were performed in every theatre on the occasion of the farmers seeding season.

17. AT THE E. INT WHERE SPIRIT RUNS HIGH. . . KIM Ki-chun kicked back countless enemy hand-grenades which were thrown at him. When our troops had destroyed the enemy's position, one of KIM's companions said, "You were heroic. . . " KIM replied, "I was once on the football team."

18. FOR OUR HONORABLE SOLDIERS. . .

The People's Committee in Pyongyang arranged jobs for war veterans and held meetings at which veterans were given many presents.

19. I LEARNED MANY THINGS FROM SOVIET MOTION PICTURES.

Through more than 20 kinds of Soviet movies, I realized how feeble are our performance and directing techniques. We need more knowledge of realism and politics and social conditions so that we can perform as naturally and richly as Soviet actors. It is important to educate our people patrictically and internationally.

by Meritorious Actor PAE-Yong

20. REST CENTERS FOR OUR VETERANS. . .

Our veterans are being treated in completely equipped rest centers under the loving care of nurses. When we visited the 5th Army hospital mess hall, we found good food well prepared.

21. THE MISERABLE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE. . .

Continuous suicide and infanticide happens among the South Korean people. There are 500,000 war widows, very few of whom are employed. The rest have become prostitutes and three per cont died from hunger. They have 51,660 children. The South Korean puppet government ignores them.

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22. SOVIET HERO AWARDED MEDAL. .

Unitri Scmirunoby (sie) was recently awarded a meritoricus medal for his heroism in attacking Germans during World War II. He is presently operational chief in the Kyebu (sic) factory where miscellaneous equipment is manufactured. Early this year the people of Kyebu elected him their labor representative to the Supreme Soviet.

23. SPEECH BY NILOLAI JIHONOBU (sic) . . .

Soviet Writer Nikolai Jihonobu describes his work: "I feel the great significance of the world's admiration for us. The editors of the American labor newspapers who visited the Soviet Union said that the Soviets would never destroy any American city nor would they send flying saucers across the American sky."

24. RETURNED BRITISH PW'S PRAISE NORTH KOREA. . .

Returned British FWs who were interviewed by British newspapers in England said that they absolutely oppose the war in Korea, that the NK people treated them better than they expected, and that food was the same as that given NK officers.

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25. COMMEMORATION OF CHINESE YOUTH CELEBRATION ON MAY 4th. ...

The Peiping Inmin Ilbo (People's News) announced an appeal to all Chinese youth to encourage the establishment of communism in New China.

26. ANTI-AMERICANISH GROWS IN LATIN-AMERICA. . .

Two American newsmen recently returned from a Latin-American trip wrote that the Latin-American statesmen seem friendly to the U.S. but that inwardly they are hostile. Anti-American parties ar winning elections in Latin-America.

27. WORKERS OF THE WORLD CELEBRATE MAY DAY

More than 60,000 workers marched to Hyde Park in London through the heart of the city. Slogans called for an end to the war in Korea, no rearmament for West Germany, peace between Britain and the Soviet Union, and return of British troops from Korea. Similar demonstrations took place in Austria, Finland, Switzerland, Denmark, Iran, Indonesia and the Philippines.

29. PRSULTS OF LOCAL FLECTIONS IN FRANCE. . .

Few people voted for the bourgeois candidates. Communism is winning in France.

29. SEVENTH ANNIVERSALY OF THE CHINESE PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE

Approximately 150,000 people assembled before the Working People's Palace in Priping to celebrate Professional League Day. There were many interesting music concerts, sports, and exhibitions. Particularly emphasiped was the Chinese labor movement.

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30. THE PHILIPPINE ATTITUDE TOWARD CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

The Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines stated that the Mexican resolution in the U.N. supports his country's opposition to the stationing of CHIANO's troops in the Philippines and that the Philippines will negotiate the matter with CHIANG's friend, the U.S. If CHIANG does not need the U.N.'s orders, the Philippines will report his aggression to the U.N. for the eighth time.

- 31. SECRETARY OF BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENSURES GOVERNMENT. . .

 Edgar Ralliman, secretary of the Belgian Communist Party, stated that Belgian rearmament will lead the country to destruction.
- 32. THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN INDO-CHINA.

 The People's Army in Annam (one of the former states of Viet Nam) today occupy and control 90 per cent of its land. The people of Annam are producing farm and industrial goods for the war effort.
- 33. IA ER LIVING STANDARDS FOR WORKERS IN ENGLAND. . .
 Living conditions of workers in England are growing worse due to
 a bigh tax imposed on them by the government. Living costs are increasing

a bigh tax imposed on them by the government. Living costs are increasing due to the bourgeois adeas and influence of British businessmen.

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- 1. LET US REMOVE FORMALISM FROM PARTY DOCTRINE . . .

 As KIM Il-song pointed out at the 5th meeting of the Party Central Committee, there are many defects in the work of training the Party politically. Such tendencies are due to formalism and superficiality in party doctrine because the leaders lacked knowledge and ideological preparation.
- 2. COMMUNIQUE FROM HEADQUARTERS, NK PEOPLE'S ARMY . . . April 9: One enemy battalion was destroyed, 3 tanks destroyed and 2 planes were shot down.

 April 10: Residences around Pyongyang and Nampo were bombed, causing innumerable casualties.
- GENERAL NAM IL EXPLAINS NEW MK AND CHINESE PROPOSALS TO GENERAL HARRISON . . On April 10, General Nam Il sent an explanation of new NK and Chinese proposals on behalf of KIM Il-sung and PENG Te-huai.
- 4. LIAISON GROUPS OF BOTH SIDES OPENED THIRD MEETING
- 5. LIAISON GROUPS OF BOTH SIDES OPENED FOURTH MEETING
- 6. THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF KAESONG CITY OPENS THANKSGIVING MEETING
 On 11 April, the People's Committee of Kaesong met and praised the Cabinet Decision No. 25 on improving the standard of living of public officials.

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- 7. FARMERS INCREASE PRODUCTION . . .

 Farmers in Haeson and Yonnung ris, Kaepung county, have begun planting by the "Yuksangmo" method.

 (WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF FARMERS PLANTING)
- 8. THE SOVIET POET OF GENTUS, MAYAGÓWSKY . . .

 Twenty three years ago today, April 14, the Soviet poet of genius,
 Mayagowsky, died. The peace-loving people of the world fighting against
 war mongers are following after his strong fighting spirit.
- 9. THE LIAISON CONFERENCE IS GOING WELL...

 Owing to our sincere efforts, the liaison conference discussing the problems of repatriation of PW's is going well.

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- 10. 156 ENEMY PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN IN FORTY DAYS. . . . The Chinese People s Volunteers in the central front shot down 156 enemy planes in last 40 days.
- 11. PEOPLE'S GUERRILIAS IN SOUTH KOREA ANNIHILATE ONE COMPANY...

 According to a United Press dispatch, Pusan, an unnamed unit of the people's guerrilla forces in South Korea attacked a company headquarters of the Syngman Rhee army at noon on 4 April in the Ulsan area, 50 miles north-east of Pusan, destroying the company and burning its camps.
- 3. EVE PARJU (SIC) IS DEAD . . .
- The PRICE OF GOODS DECREASES . . .

 The people are glad to hear that the price of goods are decreasing. The price of cloth has fallen 25% to 30%, shirts 40%, stockings 45%, men's shoes 40%, ready made clothes 30% to 45%. As a result, sales of goods has increased 200% over the period before prices were reduced.
- 14. MAY DAY IS COMING . . .

 Kaesong city is planning several celebrations to meet May Day.
- 15. MOTHERS AND INFANTS ARE PROTECTED . . .

 Children's nurseries in villages and factories are being revived by the Ministry of Health. Each Provincial People's Committee is assisting working women, orphans, and pregnant women by establishment of nurseries and maternity houses.

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16. FORMER SPY ARRESTS TWO ARMED SECRET AGENTS

HAN Ung-sok, Yonkang ri, Kaepung county, was formerly an enemy spy who revealed our military secrets several times to the U.S. Marine Corps, an intelligence organization located on Kanghwa Island. When he learned of our generous policy, he regretted his wrong doing and gave himself up to the police. Wanting to show his gratitude to our government. he doubled his efforts in farming and joined the Ri Self-Defense Corps. One day towards sunset, he detected two young soldiers in poorly fitted uniforms passing by his house. He approached them saying, "How hard you work!" and persuaded them to rest at his house. The two young men sat on his front porch, and kept looking in the direction from which they had The host begged them to enter the room and smoke, and they at first refused, saying that they were in a hurry. Finally, however, at the host's urging, they entered the house. He soon came to learn that they were strangers in the district. He felt intuitively that they were not normal and kept thinking of ways in which he could inform the police. At this time, one of his friends working in the Self-Defense Corps dropped in. The two strangers were then easily arrested. They proved to be secret agents sent by the enemy's intelligence organization. Comrade HAN Ung Sok was awarded a medal for military achievement by the Standing Committee of the NK Supreme People's Assembly. (ARTICLE TRANSLATED IN FULL)

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- 17. 7TH MEETING OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY . . .
 - (a) <u>Political Committee</u> -- April 7: The United States proposed a fair investigation of the blame for the use of bacteriological weapons in Korea. April 8: Discussion of the proposal ended.
 - (b) General Assembly -- On the afternoon of April 8, voting was begun on the Czechoslovakian complaint on foreign interference by the U.S.
- 18. BRITISH DESIRE PEACE IN KOREAN WAR. . . According to a Sin Hwa Sa (Chinese Central News Agency) dispatch, the London Daily Worker reports that the British people support the Chinese proposal for peace in the Korean war.
- 19. DISCUSS PREVENTION OF AIR ACCIDENTS . . .

 Representatives of the British, French, American and Soviet armies in Germany met to discuss means for preventing air accidents.
- 20. PREPARATIONS FOR 4TH WORLD STUDENTS PEACE MEETING . . .
- 21. RUMANIAN PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD YOUTHS' MEETING . . .

 The People's government in Bucharest has appealed to its citizens to do their best in preparing the 3rd World Youth Meeting at the 4th World Students' Peace celebration.

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22. DAG HAMMARSKJOLD ELECTED U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL . . .

23. U.S. ARMY TRAINS NK-CHINESE PW'S IN JAPAN . . .

According to a Sin Hwa Sa (Chinese Central News Agency) dispatch, NX and Chinese PW's have been transferred to Tokyo, Japan, and confined in "American House," headquarters for espionage training. This fact was revealed in a speech by a Japanese at a memorial service for Chinese PW's murdered in Japan during World War II.

YAMADA Zenjiro said that 110 Chinese and North Koreans were confined at "American House" in October, 1951, when he was a cook at that house. Most of them, he said, were ill fed and sick at the time. A Chinese, Panjiye, of Yanghu Chon (village), Pingding Hyon (province) sent him a letter asking him for help, he added. The committee sponsoring the memorial services decided to investigate the fact in bahalf of all the Japanese communities, and to claim the release of the PW's.

Several secret agents who parachuted into North Korea and were captured have confessed that they were transferred to Tokyo in order to be trained for secret work.

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- The factory is the foundation of the North Korean economy.

 It is the fortress for raising the people's standard of living. Improvement of Party activity in factories, therefore, is very important. Factory parties should give full attention to spreading political thought among members. It should also eradicate the sense of irresponsibility among factory workers.
- 2. COMMUNIQUE FROM SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY . . . June 25: An enemy regiment attacked our People's Army four times with great violence in the area of Kumhwa and south-east of Chorwon. As a result, our People's Army killed one company of the American 3rd Division and three companies of the ROK 9th Division. Eighty enemy air craft raided Nonggang county, Pyongnam province, killing many children and farmers. Our anti-aircraft unit shot down two enemy planes.
- Power and transmission office workers under the leadership of HONG Kung-sik produced splendid results in their work during the 1st quarter. The North Korean Cabinet has awarded champion flags to them.

 by PAEK Hyong-kol.
- 4. WEEDING AND CULTIVATION ARE ACTIVE . . .
 - (a) Farmers in Songrim City have completed weeding of millet fields on 26 June.
 - (b) Farmers in Pyongchon county completed weeding of millet fields and the cultivation of cotton fields on 25 June.

5. PEOPLE CHARGE ENEMY SAVAGERY IN POW RELEASE.

People of Hwanghae province have charged the enemy with savagery for the release of PW's illegally. KIM Chan-suk, vice-chairman of the Hwanghae Province Youth Union, said that the American invaders instigated and helped Syngman Rhee in his illegal release of our PW's. The Americans are fully responsible for forcing the PW's to join the ROK Army. We must punish the enemy with all our might.

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G. 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF FATHERLAND LIBERATION WAR

The North Korean people have achieved victory against the American invaders during the three years of the Korean Fatherland War. We have protected our fatherland safely with our own hands and the help of China. The Fatherland Liberation War has been a great trial to the People's Army and the NK government. The defeat of the American invaders means not only a victory for the Korean people but a victory for peace-loving people in communist countries at the same time.

- 7. "A COW FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD". . .
 - The Sochon Ri Party Committee in Koksan county is making every effort to strengthen party leadership in villages. It is stressing the campaign for a cow in every farm household.
- 8. PRODUCTION PLANS COMPLETED AT FOREST PRODUCTS WORKSHOP . . . Workers in a Forest Products Workshop under the leadership of PAK Hak-chon have completed their production plans for 2nd quarter on 24 June.

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- 9. 37 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN .
 - Our brave plane hunting team under the leadership of CHO Min-ho has shot down 37 enemy planes since it entered on duty at the front. Every member of the team is boasting many splendid decorations and medals.
- 10. SELLING GOALS EXCEEDED IN, CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVE STORE.

 Workers in the Consumers' Cooperative Society Store under the leadership of KO Hong-ki have exceeded their selling goal by 104% due to their kind and courteous service to society members.

11. NATIONAL GRADUATION EXAMINATIONS AT MEDICAL COLLEGE.

National graduation examinations are now under way at the national medical college under the principalship of CHO Pong-kil as of 8 June. Students are doing their best to produce splendid results in these examinations.

by KIM Suk-son

- 12. FARMERS IN OTONG RI, YONFAN COUNTY, HELP POOR FARMERS.

 Farmers in Ctong ri, Yontan county, are helping the farm-work of poor farmers. Farmer HWANG Tae-yol contributed 6 bags of Chinese broom corn to poor farmers and many other farmers did likewise.

 by II Wok-hung
- Brave North Korean women have played an active part in the frontline as army nurses, guerrillas, pilots, scouts, and correspondents. Female here CHO Ok-ki is a famous guerrilla in North Korea. There are now 9 women Herces, and 1,400 women who have been awarded honor medals and decorations.

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- The Tribuna Byutu, official newspaper of the Polish United Labor Party, stated that the savage action in the PW release obstructs a Korean cease-fire which the peace-lowing people of the world desire so easerly. The New York Daily Worker stated that the humanitarian principle advocated by Truman and Elsenhower and the non-compulsory repatriation of PW's are described policies. The American government that instigated this savagery is trying to evade its responsibility and impute this savagery to the Syngman Rhee government. A Swiss newspaper stated that the American Headquarters in Korea should be held responsible.
- 15. DOCTOR KICHULIEU ANNOUNCES HIS VIEWS . . .

 According to a Sin Ewa Sa (Chinese Central News Agency) dispatch from New Dehli, Doctor Kichulleu, chief of the Board of Directors of the Indian Peace Association appealed for a cease-fire in Korea at a meeting of the Indian Peace Protection Committee on 25 June.
- 16. RESULTS OF WORLD PEACE MEETING IN BUDAPEST . . . A meeting of the Board of Directors of World Peace was held in Budapest, Hungary, between 15 and 20 June. Mitigation of international tension was discussed.

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17. LOCAL NEWS

- (a) First Weeding in Paddy Fields Completed -- First weeding of paddy fields was completed at a farm attached to a factory under the leadership of CHONG Min-chai, on 21 June.
- (b) Weeding Competition in Changonng County Farmers in Tokchon-ri, Changoung county produced splendid results in transplanting by giving full attention to weeding.
- (c) Farmers in Sinchin County Save Surplus Money -- Farmers in Chongsang ri, Sinchin county have increased production so much, following instructions of Premier KIM Il-sung, that they now have surplus money which they are saving. They will use it to raise domestic animals.
- (d) Mr. YI Tok-kun Contributes 50,000 Won to Army Thanking the government and the Party for his prosperity, Mr. "YI Tok-kun" has contributed 50,000 won to the NK Army out of his surplus money. Mr. YI* is owner of an enterprise in Sariwon.

by YI Tong-yun

(*This is the first time that the word "Mr." has been noted in a North Korean newspaper instead of the word "comrade." -- Ed.)

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1. SYSTEMATIC COOPERATION IN TRANSPLANTING . . .

Despite fierce war circumstances, farmers had been striving to overcome their difficulties. Workers, technicians, officials, and other rear-area workers have played an important role in spring seeding this year. Premier KIM Il-sung said in a meeting with representatives of farmers in Pyongnam province that since the number of farmers is short in villages, workers, officials, and other rear-area workers must assist farmers. They should work for at least ten days at farms. But more systematic help is needed in transplanting work. There is no doubt that they will cooperate with farmers.

- 2. COMMUNIQUE FROM SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY.

 May 24: No visible change at the front. Our anti-aircraft unit shot down 2 enemy planes and damaged 6.
- 3. YU MAN OK, LEADER OF COMPETITION GROUP NO. 1, EXPLAINED HIS EXPERIENCE TO GROUP MEMBERS.

YU plans to harvest more than 220 bags of rice from 600 pyong of land by the Naengsangmo method and from 1,600 pyong of land by the Yuksangmo method. He began transplanting on 13 May. Following is an example, PAK Chang-kun began transplanting on 14 May. KIM Ki-hyon and KIM Hyon-sik began transplanting on 17 May. The above group members expect to harvest 20 straw bags per pan by transplanting early. They are scheduled to complete transplanting by 28 May.

4. WORKERS ARE ACTIVE WITH INVENTIONS AND NEW IDEAS . . .

In every factory of the Republic, workers are striving for new creative designs. They are learning methods and techniques from advanced countries. Utilizing waste materials they are designing new machines. A model pottery worker, CHO Son-tu, produced excellent results by increasing the use of raw materials.

- 5. REJECTED GOODS DISAPPEAR BY STRENGTHENING INSPECTION SYSTEM . . . The YI Won-kap Brigade contributes to reduction of rejected goods by strengthening the inspection system.
- 6. GOOD QUALITY AT LOW PRICE . . .

 Members of Chang Un-pong Brigade are producing superior quality goods at low prices. Moreover, they have exceeded their production goal by 10.3 per cent for the 1st quarter.
- 7. CORN FIELD WEEDING ACTIVE . . .

 The harvest competition group headed by farmer 0 Chang-son has began corn field weeding. It plans to increase production by 30 per cent over last year.
- 8. WOMEN PREPARE FOR SPRING COCOONS . . .

 Women in unnamed ri, Wison county, Chagang province, and CHO
 Sang-nyo, President of the Women's Association, are preparing for
 spring cocoons. The ri women have organized groups of five or six
 members and planned to compete with each other.
- 9. NKIP ENTHUSIASTS IN HAMMAM MARINE PRODUCTS FACTORY HOLD CONFERENCE.

 NKLP enthusiasts in the Hammam Marine Products Factory held a conference on 18 and 19 May. They expressed their resolution to achieve their goal by strengthening their political and ideological thought, in addition to increasing production.
- 10. CHIMESE VOLUNTEER FORCES HELP REFUGEES...

 Chinese soldiers in an unnamed unit assisted refugees by distributing 2,305 kun (1 kun equals 1.32 pounds -- Ed.) of rice to 50 poor farmers, including IM Tae-son, KANG Yom-chon, CHOE Ok-man, and YU Ok-nyo. Their distribution of rice resulted from their daily saving of food. They are also assisting farmers in seeding.
- 11. CHIEF DELEGATE NAM IL MAKES STATEMENT ON TRUCE TALKS...

 Korean-Chinese chief delegate to the truce talks, NAM Il made a statement charging American adherence to the principle of forced interning of our PW's. He charged the Americans with claiming the direct release of PW's, although they knew that we could not accept their proposal. By direct release of PW's in UN-held territory, they mean to intern our PW's forcibly in south Korea.

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- PROBLEMS IN STRENGTHENING CITY, COUNTY, AND RI PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE WORK.

 Four months have passed since the reorganization of local administrative districts. With the administrative reform, many difficulties seem to be appearing in the process of practicing government policy. Since the myon committees were abolished, the county committee has led the ri committee directly. However, many city and county people's committee workers in Kangwon province are still using old methods which they used before the myon committees were abolished. Recognizing the difference in new working conditions is important in finding new methods to lead the people.
- 13. FIGHTING IN THE MOUNTAINS . . .

 Overcoming steep mountains high in the clouds, our brave soldiers are fighting against the enemy in confirmance with KIM Il-sung's instructions.
- At dawn, assistant platoon leader, PAK Hwa-so, discovered the enemy making a surprise attack. The enemy broke through our 2nd platoon and planned to attack our battalion on a hill. But their plan was in vain. Our brave soldiers suddenly began to fire on the enemy. In this battle, the entire enemy company was annihilated.
- 15. Two ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED . . .

 Anti-tank units under KIM Myong-chong destroyed two enemy tanks during the last two days.

by KIM To-yong

<u>Minchu Choson</u> reporter.

16. LET US PROTECT OUR CULTURAL MONUMENTS . . .

The culture of cur Korean people has a long and brilliant history. We can find our cultural momments everywhere. Now, because of the American war-mongers bombings, many of our monuments had been destroyed. In the south, the American imperialists are taking many noble cultural monuments back to their own country. Under these circumstances, our people are eager to protect our cultural monuments. For example, when a certain gate was bombed, people ran to the fire to extinguish it, risking their lives. However, it seems that some of our people are still irresponsible in protecting our monuments. For instance, scores of old Kokuryo tembs around a certain city are not well cared for and many valuable mural paintings have been damaged. All of our people, including members of the Cultural Monuments Protection Committee, must do their best for the protection of our cultural monuments.

20. ANCIENT BRONZE RELIC DISCOVERED

An Ancient Relic Inquiry Unit composed of the members of the Korean Cultural Relic Protection Committee recently discovered a valuable ancient "Nok No-dung", a sort of ancient lantern, made of bronze. This curio was found in an unmamed ri, south-east of Pyongyang.

- 21. RUSSIAN PROPLE MAKE GREAT STRIDES TOWARD COMMUNISM.

 The Fifth Five Fear Plan drafted under the direction of Comrade Stalin will make a great contribution to the Soviet economy. To complete the tasks set forth in the plan, enormous materials and funds are needed. These materials and funds can be obtained by a nation-wide savings and by discovery of new sources of materials. The Soviet worker's striving for economy saves million of rubles annually. These funds are used for expanding factories and other national economy systems.
- 22. BARBAROUS AMERICAN DEEDS CONTINUE.

 At dawn on 22 May, two American B-29% and two fighter bombers raided the reservoir in Yong-won, Tastong county, South Pyongan prevince, dropping 40 bombs on it and breaking several meters of the dike.
- 23. RETALIATION RESOLVED .

Farmers in an unnamed village in which Comrade O Chong-won is serving as Chief of propaganda have been suffering from destruction of homes property by the barbarous bombings of the Americans. However, with the aid and care of our Farty and government they are restoring their lives and engaging in farming. Recently when they were lying asleep, blood-thirsty American cannibals dropped bombs again on this peaceful village where there is not a single military facility. Strong retaliatory spirits are growing in the minds of the villagers.

24. BOYS! AVIATION CIRCLE .

Members of the Boys' Aviation Circle of a certain unnamed junior high school are eager for the study of gliders. In the process of this study, each of them has made at least two gliders and finished an introductory course in aviation.

(WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUNGSTERS FLYING GLIDERS)

25. AMERICANS SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THEIR ATTITUDES ON THE TRUCE . . .

Peace-loving peoples all over the world are watching Tokye and Washington with eager eyes. Our representatives have already presented the most rational and just proposal on May 7th. Conscientious people throughout the world agree with the proposal. Even Churchill and Attlee agree with the proposal. Does America really wants peace in Korea? The American representative, General Marrison, will have to answer this question at the meeting on May 25.

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- 26. FOR THE SAKE OF CONCLUDING PEACE AMONG THE FIVE GREAT POWERS . . .

 (a) French People Fight for Peace French pamphlets and periodicals carried news that the French people sincerely support the resolution adopted by the Peace-Supporting People's Conference.
 - (b) Appeal of the Austrian Peace Council According to Tasa, the Austrian Peace Council sent a letter to the Austrian Premier calling for a conclusion of an Austrian Peace Treaty by the Five Great Powers.
- 27. BRAZIL PEACE FIGHTERS IMPRESSED ON VISIT TO RUSSIA . . .

 According to Tass, Brazil Peace Fighters spent a month in Russia. On 22 May, they expressed their impressions of the Soviet Union: "We have freely visited everywhere in Russia. Everywhere we found the evidence of the Russian people's and government's ceaseless effort for peace. Especially we were impressed by the Russian people's reconstruction and rehabilitation work.
- 28. AMERICA, BRITAIN, AND FRANCE PLAN BIG THREE MEET...

 According to Tass, the three heads of America, Britain and
 France are supposed to hold a conference during the middle of June.

 According to statements issued at Washington and London, the conference will be at Bermuda.
- According to Tass, Prayda carried the comment of T. Shevlyagin's on the forthcoming Italian elections to be held on 7 June. According to the comment, the Christian Democratic Party which won the 1948 election has lost the confidence of the people. According to Shevlyagin, the Party's lack of confidence is due to its non-fulfillment of its 1948 pledges. One of the greatest of the Italian political parties, the Communist Party, pledges to fight for the benefit of the workers. Shevlyagin concludes: Despite the government's strong oppression of democratic parties, workers will not be deceived by the threat of fascist elements.
- 30. A NEW POLITICAL GROUP, "THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION".

 According to Tass, a new Italian political group, "the National Democratic Association," has appeared in the election campaigns. Chairman of the Association is Epicarmo Corpino, professor at the University of Naples, an economist and the former Liberal Party member. The Association is composed of independent political groups, representing opinions of various middle classes. The Association is strongly opposed to the Christian Democratic Party and to the government line.

31. RESULTS OF BULGARIAN INDUSTRIAL PROJUCTION . . .

According to Tass, Bulgarian machine production has achieved splendid results. During 1952, Bulgarian machine factories invented and manufactured 135 new machines.

32. RUMANIAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION RESTORED . . .

The Rumanian People's Republic has restored oil wells where they were burned by capitalists, according to Tass. More than 70 wells were restored last year and 40 other wells are being rebuilt now.

33. MODERN WORKERS' HOMES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA . . .

During the period between 1947 and 1952, workers of Ostriva were given more than 25,000 homes equipped with modern facilities. 3,000 other residences will be built this year and 3,839 are in the planning stage.

- 34. RUMANIAN RESOLUTION ON IMPROVEMENT OF CONSUMERS! COOPERATIVE WORK. Bucharest newspapers carried the resolution of the Rumanian Cabinet and Labor Party on the improvement of consumers! cooperative work. The resolution emphasizes the cooperatives! important role in supplying farm products to urban peoples and industrial products to rural people.
- 35. FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS

French Premier Rene Mayer and his Cabinet resigned after the National Assembly passed a vote of non-confidence in the government. According to Tass, the Cabinet's resignation was due to economic difficulties and to Premier Mayer's failure to save the situation.

- 37. GIVE UP YOUR PLOT FOR INTERNING PW'S

At the truce conference on 13 May, enemy liaison officers proposed to release PW's on the spot. This is a most unreasonable and unjust proposal for the forcible interning of our PW's. Good people all over the world know the enemy's desire to intern our PW's unreasonably, and they firmly believe that a cease-fire can be concluded only when the enemy gives up this ugly desire.

38. AMERICAN FUNDS IN THE JAPANESE ECONOMY . . .

According to Tass, American capitalists are deeply penetrating into Japanese economy. Some articles appearing in the American magazine, Fortune, prove that the Japanese economy speedily being subjected to American domination. According to the magazine, more than 160 American companies are giving technical aid to Japanese companies. Under the pretty name of "technical aid," many American monopolistic capitalists have taken over Japanese businesses. As a result, Americans are making enormous profits.

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DEMOCRATE TOUTH UNION ACTIVITIES IN NK ARMY UNITS . . .

The Democratic Youth Union in our army units is responsible for educative are and other young soldiers so that they will be able to accomplish a realitary duties and fight battles efficiently. In order to guide them, tenders of our Union must strengthen their Party loyalty.

STATEST OF MY THE NK CINTRAL NEWS AGENCY . . .

American imperialist planes have increased their brutality in recent bombings of peaceful installations and homes. On May 13 and 14, they bombed the Kyongong (or Sunan) reservoir in South Pyongan province just after our farmers had transplanted rice. The damage to the dam caused a flood which killed many and washed away wast fields. They bombed the Supung power plants on 10 May, Total civilian deaths by bombing in the last two months is more than 5,000.

3. PEOPLE ARE CRYING FOR VENGEANCE . .

Refugees of the recent great bombing of Kyonyong reservoir have risen to fight with hatred and indignation toward the brutal enemy.

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4. POLITICAL ORGANIZING AMONG YOUNG WORKERS . . .

Responsibility for producing military and civilian materials for the victory and welfare of our people falls upon the shoulders of ur workers. To lead them to greater efficiency by instilling in them the political zeal and pathiotic heroism is the purpose of our Union. But many Union members are delinquent in their duties. We must correct these errors.

5. COMPLETITIVE MEETING OF THE ARTS IN HWANGHAE PROVINCE . . .

In order to celebrate May Day and the participation in the Fourth World Youth and Student Festival, people have set 7-11 May in Hwanghae province to show their music, dances and plays,

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6. PROBLEMS IN ENLISTING NEW MEMBERS IN OUR UNION . . .

Article discusses several problems connected with the process of enlisting Boys' Group members, guarantors of members, re-enlistment, changes in membership certificates, transfer of membership, and membership rosters,

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7. CALL ME A MEMBER OF THE LABOR PARTY! .

KIM Man-kyom, a member of our Union fighting on the eastern front, died a heroic death in a charge against the enemy, crying to his fellow soldiers that he wanted to be called a member of the Labor Party.

8. UNYLELDING PROPLE'S STRENGTH . . .

The bombing of Sunan reservoir last May 14th caused great loss to our people. Many peaceful villages with innocent farmers, fertile fields, and other properties were destroyed by the flood. American imperialists are no match for people who have risen with infinite hatred and indignation against them.

9. PIOTURE: OUR MORTAR SMASHING ENEMY POSITIONS . . .

Three or four youn; soldiers are shooting the mortar at enemy positions.

lo. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS . .

What is the method of close planting a few stalks and how do you manage it? (Article describes methods of trans-planting rice.)

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11. WORLD YOUTH PREPARE FOR FESTIVAL . .

Young men of the world are preparing to join to the 4th Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship which will open in Bucharest. Delegates will come from Austria, Belgium, Burma, Czecheslovakia, France, Germany, Venezuela, and Great Britain. (WITH PICTURE OF A POSTER SHOWING THE FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH AND STUDENTS FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.)

12. CONSIDERATIONS FOR HUMAN WELFARE . . .

The main purpose of the governments of all the people's democracies is to promote the welfare of their people. Guided by the U.S.S.R., they have made great strides toward this goal.

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1. EVERYONE BUSY TRANSPLANTING RICE. . .

All the farmers in our People's Republic are busily engaged in the patriotic conflict for increased food production, cooperating with one another and overcoming the difficulties of the wer. Following the good example of Farmers PAEK Ho-sop of Pyong-won-gun, South Pyongang Province and Comrade FAEK In-suk of Unchon-gun, North Pyongan Province, fermers everywhere are actively and eagerly transplanting rice.

2. FARMERS CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS OF KIM 11-SUNG. ...

Farmers in an unnamed Ri. Kaesong City, began on 4 May to transplant rice. Their aim is to increase production this year by 20%. Farmer PAK Ki-sok plans to produce 30 begs of rice this year. He hopes to have completed transplanting his area of 30 pyong (one pyong corresponds to 6 square feet) by 4 May. Farmer KIM Tae-kyong plans to have completed transplanting his area of 200 pyong by 4 May. Farmer YI Ke-yong also hopes to have his area of 600 pyong transplanted by this date.

3. SEEDING COMPLETED. . .

Several farmers completed the seeding of their respective areas.

4. COMMUNIQUE FROM SUFREME HEADQUARTERS, NKIA. . .

7 May: No change in the battle line. American planes made a night attack on the peaceful city of Tokch on, dropping more than 500 bombs. Many inhabitants were killed, and many houses and caves were destroyed.

8 - 9 May: Nine enemy planes shotdown by our anti-eircraft units.

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5. FRONT AND REAR ARE CONSOLIDATED. . .

Farmers in the rear are devoting themselves to producing greater harvests in order to encourage the front-line soldiers. In commemoration of

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May Day, our soldiers at the front sent letters to the farmers, c/o the Central Committee of the Farmer's League, thanking them for their production efforts. Their letters stated: "The rice which you send us encourages us and raises our fighting morale, stirring us to victory."

6. FARMERS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. . .

Members of the Labor Party of an unnamed Ri. Sunchon-gun, South Pyonge an Province are carrying out government policies to assist poor farmers. KIM Ch'ang-gun, a farmer and member of the Party, turned over a portion of his extra land to the family of CHOE Pyong-nyon. Another farmer, KIM Hyon-sik, gave one calf and one sack of Chinese broom corn to PAK Ch'an-hwa, a poor woman farmer. Under the leadership of farmer YI Won-sik, 70 families gathered, out of their extra harvests, 12 sacks of rice and 31 sacks of corn for distribution to poor farmers. (HOTO SHOWS FARMERS CULTIVATING LAND.)

7. TRUCE NECOTIATIONS. . .

Nem-il presented the U.N. Representatives with a new proposal on 7 May.

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8. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN SPRING SEEDING. . .

The farmers of an unnamed village in Kusong-gun, North Pyongan Province, decided to complete their seeding by 24 April, in accordance with the instructions of the government and Party. Farmers who, at first, stubbornly refused to adopt the new farming methods, giving various excuses for their refusal, have finally agreed to adopts the new farming methods.

9. PREPARATION FOR FAISING OF SILK-WORMS. . .

The women farmers of an unnamed village are busy making preparations for the raising of silk-worms. The Woman's Association held a meeting to encourage the women to produce increased amounts of silk. Woman farmer, YI Chong-suk, taught her neighbors progressive methods for raising silk-worms.

10. GRANDMOTHER ASSISTS MUMBERS OF CPVA. . .

In an unnamed village, Kangwon Province, PAK Yon-ok, grandmother and mother of a North Korean soldier, laundered the clothing of 160 members of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army in February. Furthermore, she gave honey, which she produces in her home, to the Chinese soldiers being treated at an unnamed hospital, in order to console and encourage them. Another woman of that village was so influenced by the old lady's deeds that she laundered the clothing of more than 4,000 Chinese soldiers and offered them many gifts.

11. FARMERS USE NEW WEEDING HOE. . .

The farmers in an unnamed village, Sungho-gun, South Pyongan Province are discovering that the newly-developed weeding hoe is easy to use and cuts down on labor. This new hoe is used by all the farmers of this village, under the plan to increase their harvest by 20 per cent. (HOTO SHOWS FARMERS WORKING IN FIELDS)

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12. FARM COLLECTIVIZATION IN THE FEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES. . .

Farmers of the South-east European People's Democracies are cultivating their land with modern machinery. These people are cooperating with one another, making joint use of their land. The mechanization of their farm lands is the result of their own experience and the experience of the Soviet farmers, who find it a superior method of farming. They are able now to obtain greater harvests which assist them in the development of their own standard of living as well as for the good of their countries. With the help of the Soviet Union, many farming machines are being produced in these nations.

13. NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT UNDERWAY IN KENYA. . .

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FACTIONAL DISPUTES IN THE NKLP

Immediately following the liberation of Korea in August, 1945, the Chosun Communist Party was organized through the cooperation of various Communist groups in Korea: the Communists who were in hiding or in jail; the Communists who converted from the Tae Hwa Suk (1120/0735/1060), a Japanese thought-training organization; the Communist sympathizers among sincere intellectuals and would-be Communists. The central headquarters of the Party was established in Seoul, with PAK Hon-yong (2613/2009/3057) as the Chief. Branches were established in each province and county.

KIM Yong-pom (6855/6954/4436) and CHANG S1-u (1728/0193/7183) were the central figures of the Pyong An Nam-to Branch at the beginning; however, at the end of August, 1945, HYON Chun-hyok (3763/0193/?) was appointed by Seoul authority to the Pyong Nam Branch as responsible secretary. Of course, KIM Yong-pom and CHANG Si-u did not like his coming,

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since they did not want anybody to displace their power. HYON Chun-hyok, therefore, was assassinated by a subordinate of CHANG Si-u in September of the same year. As a result, KIM Yong-pom and CHANG Si-u were able to take the two top positions. As the incident came to light afterwards, CHANG Si-u was jailed by the Soviet Military Command and was soon released through the good offices of KIM Il-sung and RIM Chiun-chiu (2651/2504/4428), who once worked for KIM Il-sung and who is now CHANG Si-uis adopted son-in-law.

By September 1945, KIM Il-sung had already arrived in Pyongyang and stayed at KIM Yong-pom[®]s home, where he waited until he made his appearance on the North Korean scene. Under the assumed name of KIM Yong-hwan (6855/5391/3562), KIM Il-sung made several speeches at the Pyong Nam Branch. Although he was a lieutenant, KIM Yong-pom and CHANG Si-u could not ignore KIM Il-sung, but rather cringed before him since they knew that it was the Soviet®s plan to put him in the highest position in North Korea.

On 20 October 1945, the Northern Branch of the Chosun Communist Party, which was to control the whole Communist Party network in the North, was established. KIM Yong-pom and O Ki-sop (0702/3825/3610), respectively, were appointed as the first and second responsible secretaries. O Ki-sop was PAK Hon-yong's man and desired to become the first man in the Northern area by campaigning for PAK Hon-yong as Chief of the Communist Party in Korea. Therefore, his watchwords: "Hurrah for comrade PAK Hon-yong, our great leader?" were seen on every side of the Branch building.

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O Ki-sop expressed himself in the Chong Ro (2973/6424), an organ of the Branch. On one occasion, he was going to publish in the press a speech he made at a Party enthusiast conference. At the end of the prospective article, he wrote a long description of the applause he received after having made the speech, thereby likening himself to a victorious general. But these words of exaggeration were censored by the Russian Military Command. Neither the Soviet Military Command nor KIM Il-sung was blind to the schemes and hidden desire of O Ki-sop, and naturally he was disliked.

On 14 October 1945, KIM Il-sung appeared at the mass meeting held in Pyongyang, and from then on he became a public figure in North Korea. In December 1945, he became the first man in the Northern Branch of the Communist Party, while O Ki-sop held down the second position. This apparently meant the transition of power from South to North. KIM Il-sung and O Ki-sop harbored ill-feeling against one another. As a result, O Ki-sop was demoted to the position of Propaganda Chief of the North Korean Interim People's Committee in February 1946. When the North Korean People's Committee was established in February 1947, he was demoted again to the position of Labor Section Chief.

Subsequently, O Ki-sop expressed his view on labor problems in the WOIDES SINGUM (0525/0947/2450/5113), an organ of the North Korean Labor Party, in which he stated that laborers in North Korea may agitate

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for the betterment of their living conditions. His statements deprived him of an executive position and he was forced to transfer to the Chosun-Russian Marine Transportation Corporation as vice-president, a position that put an end to his political activity. With his fall, all his men were confronted with setback. YUN Sang-nam (1438/4161/0589), Propaganda Chief and Editor of the Chong Ro when O Ki-sop was the second-in-rank in the Northern Branch, was seriously criticized by the Party and demoted to the position of Education Section Chief of the Pyong Nam Provincial People's Committee. Chief of Ham Nam Provincial People's Committee, CHONG Tal-hyon (6774/6671/6881) was transferred and became the Pyong Puk Provincial People's Committee Chief. He was then deprived of his Party membership, charged with disobedience, and fell to the position of principal of a certain middle school in Pyong Puk Area.

In spite of all these insults, the PAK Hon-yong faction in South Korea was very patient and followed the North Korean Communist Party line. On the other hand, the Chosun Independent League and the Chosun Volunteer Army were pressing their way to Korea with the ambition of taking power. They figured, while in Yenan, that there were no leaders in Korea and that they would be able to rule over the country upon their return to Korea. But they had been misinformed. Among these groups were PAK Hyo-sam (2613/1321/0005), HAN Min (7281/?), and heroic-minded MJ Chong (2976/0080). But the closer they came to Korea, the more readily they received news of the real situation in Korea. Therefore, they interrupted their journey in

Manchuria and sent a part of their staff to find out exact details of the situation in Korea. And at the end of November 1945, KIM Tu-pong (6855/2122/1144), CHOE Chang-ik (1508/2490/4135), HO Chong-suk (6079/6297/3219) MU Chong, PAK Hyo-sam and HAN Min entered the country. Some of them joined the existing Communist Party and some of them organized a new party, the SIN MIN Party, appointing KIM Tu-pong as Chief.

The ambitious MU Chong (who joined the Communist Party as Chief of Staff) was looking for the chance to seize power from KIM Il-sung. He plotted to cause discord between the KIM Il-sung and PAK Hon-yong factions and to post his own men of the Yenan Faction in important positions in the Party. KIM Il-sung, of course, was not ignorant of MU Chong's ambition and naturally harbored ill-feeling against him.

Meanwhile, second generation Soviets were given important positions, backing up KIM Il-sung and driving out the Yenan faction. By this, KIM Il-sung's political power was secured.

In March 1946, MU Chong was leading land reform in Hwanghae

Province in cooperation with CHOE Kyong-tok (1508/3878/1795), Chief of

Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee. Taking advantage of this opportunity,

KIN Il-sung accused MU Chong of arbitrary leadership and criticised him as

"heroic-minded," striking his name off the Party register. Thereafter, he

participated in organizing the People's Army and became estillery commander.

After the 25 June invasion of South Kores, MU Chong went into action as the Second People's Army Corps Commander. He could not control his men, however, when they were driven back by the U.N. Forces and, in their state of chaos, his men killed the people at random. This fact put an end to MU Chong's political and military career in North Korea.

With MU Chong's fall, his alleged colleagues could not avoid a similar fate. HAN Min, who led the SIN MIN Party in South Korea, temporarily because the Vice President of KIM Il-sung University. He was soon deprived of this post, however, and was demoted to the position of Chief of the National Library.

In contradiction to his loyalty to MU Chong, KIM Tu-pong acted in concert with KIM Il-sung; and CHOE Chang-ik, KIM Chang-man (6855/2490/3341), and HO Chong-suk (6079/6297/3219) pledged their allegiance to KIM Il-sung.

In order to send post-graduate students to Russia, the North Korean authorities selected members from the Labor Party and taught them Russian at the Chinampo Political Training School. Students were selected from both the South and the North Korean Labor Parties. A fierce dispute took place, however, over the problem of who should be the first leader, KIM Il-sung or PAK Hon-yong. When news of this dispute reached the ears of the Soviet Military Command, the latter cancelled the arrangements made for the people involved in the controversy to proceed to Russia for study, claiming that

they did not want to send to Russia anyone with a partisan spirit. Among the people affected by this cancellation were KIM Chang-man and YI Sang-cho (2621/4161/2600) from the North, and YI Hyon-sang (2621 / ? /4161) and YIM Hwa (2651/0735) from the South.

KIM Chang-man from the North was subsequently given several important posts, such as Principal of the Central Highest Staff Training School, Vice-Minister of Education and, at present, North Korean delegate to the Panmunjom Conference.

YI Hyon-sang from the South was sent to South Korea as a guerrilla leader and was killed.

YI Sang-cho from the North was also given several important posts, such as Chief of Administrative Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce, Vice Minister of Commerce and, at present, representative to the Panmunjom Truce talks with KIM Chang-man.

YIM Hwe from the South was placed in charge of publishing pamphlets to be sent to the South and later became an editor of the Korean-Russian Culture.

The foregoing tells us of the ill-feelings which existed between the North Korean Labor Party and the South Korean Labor Party. Because of Russian pressure and PAK Hon-yong's endurance, resulting from his keen judgement, this tension did not explode.

In order to woid the dangerous rivalry of the South Korean Labor Party, the Soviet Faction intentionally sent PAK Hon-yong great figures such as YI Kwan-sul (2621/1401/6615), KIM Sam-yong (6855/0005/7893), YI Chu-ha (2621/5297/3109) and YI Hyon-sang (2621/6343/4161) for underground activity in the South.

It may be concluded that in North Korea at the present time the Soviet faction has the overwhelming power, backed by positive support of Soviet Russia. It appears unlikely that there will be political disputes in North Korea as long as Russia participates in North Korean affairs. In contradiction to the belief that the Yenan Faction will have an active voice in the political affairs of North Korea, by virtue of Red China's military leadership, absolute political power rests firmly upon the Russian bloc. There appears to be no possibility of rivalry in the near future although it is not certain that this situation will remain unaltered in the distant future.

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